

Grace Notes

August 2, 2020

Mission Statement

*To draw people to Christ,
nourish their spirits, and
prepare them for service to God,
the Church, and the world.*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday Worship Service — August 2

The service will be available Sunday morning starting at 8:00 am. You may worship by going to either:

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/gumcwillmington>

YouTube:

[Link coming on Saturday](#)

Grace's website:

<https://gracedowntown.church/>

Sunday School Class—10:30 am

Grace is holding a Sunday School for everyone. Pastor Tal will start his class series this week. See page three for details. To log in to Sunday School:

[Link coming on Saturday](#)

Holy Communion Being Offered at Grace

On Sunday, August 2, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm, Pastor Tal, Pastor Patricia and others will be giving Communion via the "drive-by" method. Two communion stations are planned:

- on 4th Street at the end of the sidewalk leading to the Welcome Center doors, and
- under the Welcome Center Portico off the Grace parking lot.

Pre-packaged wafers and grape juice will be used, per the guidance of the Health Department. Sometimes those packets can be difficult to open, so it is suggested that you receive the blessings of the pastors and then take the elements home to partake. As soon as you receive the blessing and your packet, we ask that you drive on so as to alleviate any bottlenecks from forming.

We sincerely hope that many people will participate in this Celebration of Holy Communion so we can continue to offer it while we are worshipping outside our normal

Grace's Equal Exchange/Fair Trade Work

Grace's Equal Exchange/Fair Trade mission project of providing sales of coffee, tea and chocolate products has stalled since the onset of the Corona-19 shutdown. Sales provide support to small-scale farmers in various countries.

We have a moderate supply of all products. The sales table has been temporarily moved to the Welcome Center for convenience and visibility. You can safely access the Welcome Center Monday-Friday, 9 am—3 pm.

Please be mindful of the need for our continuous support

Attention: Face Mask Makers

There is now a container in the Welcome Center for face masks for Methodist Home for Children. The masks will be picked up from there and delivered. Thanks!

HOW ARE WE DOING ON OUR MEMBERSHIP VOWS? (Prayers, Presence, Gifts, and Service)

Online Attendance & Offering for 7/24/2020

Worship Service: 148 views on YouTube

Operating Funds Given 7/15—7/22 \$ 7,343

June

Operating Funds Given YTD \$ 401,503*

Operating Expenses YTD \$ 360,195

Balance \$ 41,308

2020 Operating Budget = \$ 747,178

June

\$20 Fellowship Received 2020 YTD \$ 33,022

\$20 Fellowship Spent 2020 YTD \$ 37,486**

Apportionments are paid through June.

*includes PPP Loan of \$62,500

**includes funding and expenses related to

Continuing Grace's Mission

Our giving enables Grace to continue to provide support for work within the congregation and for its missions in the world.

Here are the ways to continue to give and support Grace with your tithes and offering:

- You can mail your check to Grace at the following address: Grace UMC, 401 Grace Street, Wilmington, NC 28401
- On-line banking (Many banks allow you to set up checks to pay) The address is (Grace Address)
- Auto draft. Grace can debit your account and can be set up with Debbie. You can determine the amount and frequency of the draft.
- Go to the Grace UMC website (gracedowntown.net) and select PayPal or Square

Save the New Date

Grace will be offering another Dementia Friendly Worship Service on **Sunday, August 23**, via a YouTube link posted to the Grace website. Details will be forthcoming. Please tell those you know who might benefit from this ministry.

Grace Member News

Jeanne Gore has had a devotion she submitted published in the bi-monthly *Upper Room* devotional. The piece is in the current July/August issue of the publication for July 14. This is the fourth time one of Jeanne's submissions as been published.

Congratulations Jeanne!

Prayer Requests

Remember: Prayer Vigil daily at 12:00 noon

Please pray for comfort and healing for the following people:

Maryleigh Allen	Kaye
Wayne Ashe	Larry
Dot Ballard	Lia Mason
Louise Berry	Luke McCahan
Brice Borowicz	Family of Earl McCullers
Linda Bostick	Phoebe Romine McLeod
Robert Bowen	Margaret Merritt
Steve Cleary	Heather Meyer
Don Cole	Pam Miller
Mary Cole	Ronnie Monroe
Conny	Jeffrey Morefield
Becky Cummings	O'Brien Family
Sandy Cyphers	Mike O'Brien
Zach DeForge	Carolyn Pope
Manaline Gibson	Jason Powers
Beth DiGiuseppe	Family of Jennifer Powers
Pat DiGiuseppe	Tom Powers
Julie Godwin	Jeff Price
Linda Gorham	Barry Roberts
Darcy Guthrie	Kathy Roberts
Mildred Guthrie	Solomon
Haselden-Mintz Family	Roger Swilley
Jimmy Hauk	Rebecca Taylor
Ron Hickmon	Jim Teachey
Rick Holloway	Laura Upchurch
Steve Hooper	Lizzy Voulgaris
Family of Jeff Hughes	Michael Waddell
Jeanette Houston	Cameron Wallace
Dick Hull	Ruby Williams
Jackson & Avery	Diane Woodberry
John	Barry Zigler

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

Maj. Jeffery Bernard, USA
LCpl. John Capwell, USMC
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC
Maj. Tim Collins, USMC
Col. John Delaney, USA
E2 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN
E5 William Chase Dubel, USA
WO3 Jonathan Finch, USA Reserve
E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF
E3 Taylor Folmar, USN
Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC
Capt. Jason T. Hill, USAF
Cpl. Chase Krieg, USMC
SFC Letty Long, USA
SFC Woodrow Long, USA
Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC
CDR Nicholas Madren, USN
PFC Schuyler Marshall, USA
SSg. Emily Olinger, USAF
Pvt. Steven Patterson
LCDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
Lt. Col. Amy Moore Russo, USAF
Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC
AB Michael Sloan, USAF
Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC
Michael Tate, USA



Also, please pray for:

- The demise of the coronavirus pandemic
- All medical personnel
- All those working with the public
- 12 noon Prayer Explosion

If you have a prayer request, please contact **Sandy Smith** at sandysmithgrace@gmail.com or 910-233-0310.

Help Available

Through the generosity of this congregation, the Pastor's Discretionary Fund is well funded at present.

If anyone in the Grace Church family is having financial hardships due to the coronavirus, we might be able to offer assistance.

Please contact Pastor Tal at: tal@gracedowntown.net

Grace Church – You Are So Generous!

Each week, your donations go to the Cupboard and onto the diabetic shelves. They are being used and appreciated, as the number of folks coming in and the size of each family increases. Thank you for your continued sharing with your neighbors who need this food to survive and to thrive in these times!

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard specific food needs:

Boost or Ensure for diabetics	Corn Flakes
Brown Rice	Cheerios
Quaker Instant Oats	Canned chicken or tuna

These are specific step by step instructions on how to make them at this link: <https://www.nhrmc.org/-/media/covid-19/adult-instructions-face-mask-creation.pdf?la=en>

All donations can be dropped off at Grace United Methodist Church Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9 am and 2 pm and someone will transport them to the hospital and Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. Simply ring the bell at the portico door and you will be buzzed in. Leave your donations at the volunteer desk.

What a wonderful (and safe!) way to share the love of Christ in a time when so many people need it.

Grace Summer Sunday School

August 2—August 30 - Encounters with Jesus

Each class will look at an interaction Jesus had with a person or a group as recorded in the gospels. Pastor Tal will walk you through some background for each passage. You'll each class with a deeper understanding of who Jesus is, what many of those he interacted with thought, and what it means to follow Jesus today. Questions pertinent to that week's passage will be posted ahead of time for you to ponder. There will be time to discuss the questions in each class session.

These are the passages that will be included in this series:

- Aug. 2: Luke 11:37-46 Clean the inside of the cup also
- Aug. 9: John 8:2-11 The woman caught in adultery
- Aug. 16: Luke 14:12-24 Unlikely dinner guests
- Aug. 23 Luke 14:25-33 The cost of following Jesus
- Aug. 30 Luke 18:9-14 You'll never guess who is right before God!

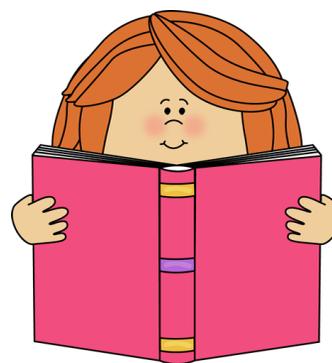
Join Pastor Tal on Zoom, Sundays, August 2—August 30, 10:30 am

A New Ministry at Grace

The "God Squad" would like to hear from you! Our volunteers assist others by driving them to doctors appointments, to church, or other sporadic events. It only takes a little time, but means a great deal to our brothers and sisters who need a little help from time to time.

If you can help by occasionally driving, please contact Marvin Evans, at marvinevans295@gmail.com.

If you need an occasional ride to a medical appointment or church, please contact Dan Barnes,



Read a Book



Call a Friend

Temporary Address

Grace member Dick Hull, along with his wife Karen, have moved to Durham for the next 6-12 months so that Dick could receive a lung transplant. Dick has now moved from the hospital into an apartment. This is still quite a complicated and long journey for Dick and Karen, but progress is being made.

Their Durham address is: 2901 Bertland Ave., Apt. 1117, Durham, NC 27705. Their email addresses are:
Karen karenh44@twc.com
Dick drumhull@gmail.com (correction)

We know they would appreciate notes and cards of encouragement during their time away from Grace.

WIHN/Family Promise

Family Promise/WIHN is so very grateful for the support of Grace UMC!! To date, our congregation has given over \$800 to help them out with costs! Thank you so very much!

We were scheduled to host families during the first week of August and we missed hosting a two-week rotation in May. So it would be very helpful if we could provide some meals to the families who are still living in separate apartments due to the virus. If you would like to do that, here are some options:

- Bring a meal to the apartments
- Buy a gift card and give to the program
- Offer to pay for a meal they order at a take out

If you would like to offer help in one of those ways, please let me know (622-1211) and I will coordinate/communicate with the program or deliver any gift cards. Anyone who would like to continue supporting financially can go to the website at <http://familypromiselcf.org/> or leave a check made out to FPLCF in the church office. The church's mailing address is 401 Grace Street, Wilmington, NC 28401. Thanks again for the love and support you show to these young families!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN A GOOGLE MEET

You need a device with internet connection and have downloaded the free Google Meet app.

- You can use a tablet, Apple, Chromebook, desktop, or laptop.

How to log in to a Grace United Methodist Church sponsored Google Meet

- You will get an email from the church that includes the link.
- Click on the link. It may take a couple of seconds.
- When the join meeting screen comes up, click “Join Meeting;” do NOT click “Present Now.”
- The host of the meeting will “let you in.” It may take a second.
- If you do not have a device or internet, there will be a phone number in the church email for call in. Everyone in the meeting will hear you but not see you.

What you need to know during the meeting

- Your picture will be a small picture probably in the upper right corner.
- The host or other person speaking will be a larger picture.
- If two people in the same house are participating, it will work better if only one device is used.
- Turn off the TV or radio in the room you will be using, and it is better to be inside and not outside.
- It works better when there are several participants to Mute your microphone and Unmute when you want to speak to the group. You do this by clicking the three dots beside your picture. The slash through the microphone means you are muted.
- It is not uncommon for the speaker’s voice to be delayed.
- There is a Chat button. It looks like a speech bubble. You can type questions and comments there for the host or the whole group. You type your comment at the bottom. Be aware: everyone in the meeting can see the comments.

What to do if you get “kicked off”

- Go back to your email and join the meeting just like you did the first time

How to exit a meeting

- There is a red phone on the bottom of the screen. You may need to move your mouse or touch your screen to get it to show up. Click the red phone and you get out of the meeting.

Other helpful hints

- To activate Closed Captioning, click on the CC box in the upper right corner. It will give you a written translation of everything being said. It is not perfect, but it is helpful at times.
- When you click the three dots beside your picture, there is a Thumb Tack. This “pins” your picture and you will not see anyone else.